## SENATE BILL 3350

## By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 6, relative to workers' compensation settlements.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-206, is amended by deleting subdivision (c)(4) and substituting instead the following:

(c)

(4) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall approve or reject settlements submitted to the department within five (5) business days of receiving the settlement. Such review and approval or disapproval shall be provided in the regional offices of the division or such other location agreed to by the parties and the division. If the commissioner or the designee does not approve or reject the settlement within five (5) business days, either party may submit a copy of the signed settlement to any court with jurisdiction to hear the underlying workers' compensation claim. If the injured employee is not represented by counsel, the review shall be conducted in person.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

it.